

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
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OPERATION

PURPOSE:

1. To sow confusion in ranks of leftist parties in Guatemala.
2. To alienate AREVALO supporters from the ARBENZ regime.
3. To further incline the AFL to take positive steps against the Guatemalan regime.

METHOD:

President MEANY of the AFL on 5 February sent an open letter to President ARBENZ of Guatemala outlining the general concern of the AFL with the Communist influence in the ARBENZ government and in the Guatemalan labor movement. MEANY closed by requesting a rapid reply.

As yet no reply has been forthcoming from either ARBENZ or any other member of the Guatemalan government.

It is proposed to take advantage of this situation by producing a letter ostensibly from ex-President of Guatemala AREVALO to MEANY outlining points which would accomplish the purposes mentioned above. It is not considered feasible to have a reply come from Guatemala for reason that an actual answer may be forthcoming in the near future to President MEANY's letter. Reports reaching Headquarters indicate that there may have been a falling out between AREVALO and ARBENZ. AREVALO recently visited Guatemala. Upon his return to Santiago (where he is now living), he stopped off in La Paz and made statements of an embarrassing nature to the Guatemalan Communists and regime.

Operational Outline:

- A. HQS. will determine if AREVALO is now in Santiago.
- B. HQS. will procure statements of AREVALO.
- C. HQS. will procure Chilean paper.
- D. []
- E. HQS. will then outline those points that should be included in the letter and cable them to LINCOLN.
- F. LINCOLN will have [] produce the letter in Guatemalan Spanish and pouch the text to HQS.
- G. The technical aspects of the letter will be produced by HQS.
- H. The letter will be pouched []
- I. [] will mail the letter to President MEANY, making sure AREVALO is in Santiago that day.
- J. It is believed that MEANY will make the letter public since it will be embarrassing to the Guatemalan government. If this is not the case [] contacts will be utilized to ask whether MEANY had received any answer to his open letter.
- K. Proper hemispheric exploitation will be given the letter.